

Application No. 10/043,188

Remarks

The Examiner in the Office Action of March 26, 2004 rejected claims 1 through 3 under 35 U.S.C. §102(e) as being anticipated by Aslam et al. (U.S. Pat. No. 6,208,827).

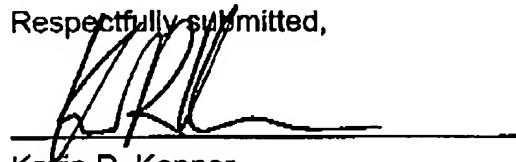
Turning to the rejection of claims as being anticipated by Aslam, Aslam discloses an air knife having an air outlet and a plurality of secondary outlets substantially normal to the first outlet. The reference does not disclose an air knife having a plurality of secondary outlets connected to said manifold which direct a localized stream of air in a direction substantially parallel to said first directed stream of air to corrugate a sheet. There is no such requirement in the reference. Accordingly, since all of the claimed elements of the invention herein are not disclosed by the patent cited by the Examiner, it is submitted that claims 1, 2 and 3 as amended are not anticipated by the reference and are allowable.

A telephone interview at the number listed below is respectfully requested prior to any further Office Action other than a Notice of Allowance, i.e., if the Examiner has any remaining questions or issues to address after this paper. The undersigned will be happy to discuss any Examiner-proposed amendments as may be appropriate.

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No additional fee is believed to be required for this amendment. However, the undersigned Xerox Corporation attorney (or agent) hereby authorizes the charging of any necessary fees, other than the issue fee, to Xerox Corporation Deposit Account No. 24-0025. This also constitutes a request for any needed extension of time and authorization to charge all fees therefor to Xerox Corporation Deposit Account No. 24-0025.

Respectfully submitted,



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